# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COAL AND MINES
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3294
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PURCHASE OF SUB-STANDARD QUALITY EXPLOSIVES
BALIRAM

**Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the explosive material used in the explosive works in various projects of the Northern Coalfields Limited(NCL) Singarauli, is not being purchased from the Government companies ;

(b) If so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of explosives purchase for various projects during the last three years, separately;

(d) whether the payment is being made for the more quantity than the actually purchased from the private sector companies as result of which the officers get lakhs of rupees each year;

(e) the procedure followed for purchase of explosive material;

(f) whether the Government propose to conduct a thorough inquiry into the above case and punish the officers involved in corruption; and
(g) If so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) & (b): Explosive is being purchased from suppliers including M/s. IBP Co.( a Govt of India undertaking), having rate contract with NCL/CIL. The names of suppliers for SMS explosives/large dia catridges/cast booster explosives to NCL mines, as on 1.12.2001are as under:

(i) M/s. IBP Co. Ltd.

(ii) M/s. Indian Explosives Ltd

(iii) M/s. IDL Industries Ltd.

(iv) M/s. Bharat Explosives Ltd.

(v) M/s. Keltech Energies Ltd.

(vi) M/s. Navbharat Fuse Co. Ltd.

(vii) M/s. Premier Explosives Ltd.

(viii) M/s. Blastech (India) Pvt. Ltd.

(ix) M/s. Solar Capitals Ltd.

(x) M/s. Emul Tek Private Ltd.

(xi) M/s. Sua Explosives & Accessories Ltd.

(xii) M/s. Ideal Explosives Ltd.

(xiii) M/s. Godavari Explosives Ltd.

(xiv) M/s. Anjana Explosives Ltd.

The annual requirement of SMS explosives of NCL is about 80,000 tonnes. IBP Co. Ltd. (aGovt. of India undertaking) who was not L1 tenderer offered to supply 19,000 tonnes only against the subject tender. After booking the L1 tenderer fully, the balance quantity was distributed amongst all other responsive tenderers (including IBP Co. Ltd.) who accepted the counter offer of L1 price.

(c): NCL had purchased the following quantities of SMS explosive for different projects during last three years as under:

(Figs. in tonnes)

| Project | 1998-99 | 1999-2000 | 2000-01 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jhingurdah | 2185 | 2503 | 2885 |
| Gorbi-'B' | 1132 | 48 | Nil |
| Bina | 7917 | 8269 | 7994 |
| Jayant | 14434 | 16695 | 17338 |
| Dudhichua | 9813 | 14342 | 18870 |
| Amlohri | 8269 | 8825 | 8833 |
| Nigahi | 11777 | 15197 | 16323 |
| Kakri | 2645 | 2765 | 3306 |
| Khadia | 5008 | 5765 | 5601 |
| NCL- Total | 63180 | 74409 | 81150 |

(d): Payment is strictly made on actual quantity measured on Electronic Weigh Bridges.

(e): Explosives are purchased through open tender by NCL/CILand rate contracts are finalised after price negotiations etc. Annual quantity is fixed considering the plant capacity/ licence capacity.

(f) & (g): Do not arise in view of reply given to part (d) above.